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G.O. No. 364

Dated 17-2-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition - Sale of liquor in military Canteens -
Restrictions - Arrangement to form of licence proposed in the
new system, revenue raised therefrom - Orders passed

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Board of Revenue (Excise) Department

Subject:- Prohibition - Sale of Liquor in military canteens-
restrictions-

Read:- Government Letter No. 2133 D/47,-3, dated 27-19-1947 and
endorsement No.2133 D/47-4, dated 26-11-1947.

C.R. No. 35141-Pro/47-XF3.

Station: Triplicane, Madras, 5. Dated 22-12-1947.
From

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Reference:-

With reference to the Government's letter and endorsement cited the Board submits the following report on the suggestions of the ~~fixed~~ Government regarding the sale of liquor in Military Canteens for the effective enforcement of Prohibition and on the remarks thereon of the General Officer Commanding, Military Headquarters, Madras Area, Madras.

1st Suggestion:- The quantity of each kind of liquor which each member of the Military Unit may take per month should be fixed:- The scales for issue of liquor to the various officers of the Military Units, proposed by the General Officer Commanding seem to be moderate. As there will be only a few officers, it may not be necessary to restrict the quantity of wines possessed by them in a month. The scales proposed by the General Officer Commanding may be accepted.

2nd suggestion:- The supply of foreign liquor should be restricted to British Officers, British other ranks (soldiers) and Indian Officers holding the King's Commission:- In view of the remarks of the ~~the~~ General Officer Commanding that it would be unwise to make any distinction between Indian Officers holding the King's Commission and Indian Commissions, his recommendation that the supply of foreign liquor should be limited to all Officers including Viceroy's Commissioned Officers, British warrant Officers and Indian other ranks may be accepted.

3rd Suggestion:- The supply of Indian beer to Indian Soldiers should be rationed:- As the General Officer Commanding states that Indian other ranks are not getting any beer, the question of rationing Indian beer does not arise and no restrictions on the supply of Indian beer to Indian soldiers seem to be necessary.

4th Suggestion:- Officers of the Prohibition Department of and above the rank of Inspector of Police or Assistant Prohibition Officer should verify the consignments, ~~the~~ check accounts and make a note of the breakages:- As the general officer commanding has not offered his remarks on this suggestion, it may be presumed that he has no objection for the consignments being verified by Prohibition Officers. A condition authorising the officers of the Prohibition Department to check the consignments in transit to the canteens may be inserted in the form of canteen licence approved in G.O.No. 2125-Revenue, dated 28-9-1946.

5th Suggestion:- For Indian beer consigned in casks, leakages should be allowed only at the rate of one per cent in the case of metallic casks and at two per cent in the case of wooden casks:- The suggestion of the General Officer Commanding that in the case of wooden casks leakages at 3½ per cent should be allowed may be accepted in as much as he states that his recommendation is based on past experience.

Paragraph 2 of Government's letter:- As the General Officer Commanding states that Prohibition is not in force in all Provinces of India and that a very large percentage of troops stationed in this Province are visitors from other provinces, the question of enforcing the provisions of the Prohibition Act in respect of Military Units may be postponed for the time being and Indian Officer may be allowed foreign liquor and Indian Soldiers, Indian beer.

In view of the above suggestions, the Board submit the following Amendments to the Form of canteen licence approved in G.O.No. 2125, ~~xx~~ Revenue dated 28;-9-1946.

AMENDMENTS:

1. Add the following at the end of conditions 2:- According to the following scales :- Officers:- 3 bottles of spirits; 12 bottles of beer and unrestricted ~~xxx~~ quantity of wines per mensem;

British Warrant Officers, sergeants and Viceroy's Commissioned Officers:- One bottle of spirit and 12 bottles of beer per mensem.

Indian other ranks:- 12 bottles of beer and two bottles of rum per mensem.

For this purpose, the licensee shall obtain necessary particulars from the Officer Commanding the unit and maintain a list showing the number of Officers and personnel of other ranks to whom liquor is issued.

-2. Recast condition 9 as follows:-

The officers of the Prohibition Department not lower in rank than Inspector of Police or Assistant Prohibition Officers are authorised to check consignments of liquor in transit to the licensed premises. The licensee shall at once produce for inspection on demand of any such officer this licence and his accounts. He shall furnish such returns and information as may be required by the Collector.

The leakage and wastage of Indian beer consigned in casks shall not exceed one per cent in the case of metallic casks and 3½% in the case of wooden cask.

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Asst. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Prohibition - Sale of liquor in military Canteens Restrictions-
Amendments to form of licence approved in G.O.Ms.No. 2125- Revenue
dated 28-9-1946 - Orders Passed.

Revenue Department

G.O.MS.NO. 554.

Dated the 17th February 1947

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No. 2125, Revenue, dated 28-9-46.
From the Board of Revenue (Excise), D.No. 519-Pro/47
dated 15-9-47.
From the General Officer Commanding, Madras Area, letter
no. 32120-Q4-dated 12.11.47.
From the Board of Revenue (Excise), C.R.No. 35141-Pro/47
dated 22-12-1947.

U R D E R:-

The Government recommends of the Board of Revenue
and approve the draft amendments to the form of canteen licence submitted
by the Board in its last reference read above.

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To
The Board of Revenue (Excise).

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